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Bob Miner brought the telegrams to the house this morning. One of them sets forth the agreement on assurances and altogether it is a fairly satisfactory document.

We went for lunch to La Lanterne, where we had the Magistratis, the Guy de Polignacs, Jacqueline Obendorf, and Robert de Billy. After lunch Magistrati and I had a long talk about the EDC situation in Italy. He says that Scelba, if he obtains a favorable vote for his Government on Tuesday, would like to have our advice as to when it would be timely for him to propose a debate on the EDC Treaty. I suggested he do so on Wednesday, and Magistrati said he would give him this message.

At 4:00 o'clock Messrs. Hallstein and Blankenhorn came to see me to report the results of Hallstein's preliminary conversations with Maurice Schumann and Seydoux on the Saar. They have several points of difference, two of them fundamental -- the most important one being the economic provisions. Hallstein appeared discouraged. I told him in my opinion he had made considerable progress and I thought it was a good commencement. The next step they contemplate is to have the deputies explain to the Chancellor and Bidault, as soon as they meet, the outstanding items in dispute and ask the two top men to resolve the differences.

I went to see Monnet at five o'clock and we talked about the CSC investment program as well as the EDC situation in France. Tommy and Cleveland went home with me and we had further interchanges on these subjects.

We tried to see Sacha Guitry's Versailles movie tonight but there was such a crowd, animated by the same purpose, we gave it up.

I cannot get McCarthy out of my mind. That this cheap skate, and almost unbelievable cad, can terrify us domestically, and gravely impair our prestige abroad, and be allowed to continue unchallenged and triumphant, is the most humiliating domestic political performance of my lifetime.

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